



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

GRASS et al.

Application No.: 09/786,362

Filed: June 25, 2001

For: METHOD FOR SCREENING AND PRODUCING COMPOUND LIBRARIES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 27, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of screening a compound library (Group I). Applicants also elect Specie A (gastrointestinal tract). Applicants agree that claims 1-17 are generic to Species A-F.

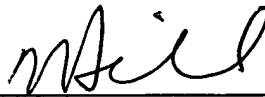
Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims. This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any

fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account

No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 109904-00028.

Respectfully submitted,



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